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Programme of meetings and agenda

Official meetings

Friday, 26 September 2008

Security Council

10 a.m. — 5982nd meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Briefing by the Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

Morning[1] — 5983rd meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

   Letter dated 22 September 2008 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2008/615)

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 5982nd meeting.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

9 a.m. — 11th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Filip Vujanović, President of Montenegro
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. René Garcia Préval, President of the Republic of Haiti
3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Kalkot Matas Kelekele, President of the Republic of Vanuatu
4. Continuation of the general debate [8]

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Gabriel Ntisezerana, Second Vice-President of the Republic of Burundi

(continued overleaf)

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

The general debate will continue on Saturday, 27 September 2008, and will conclude on Monday, 29 September, as agreed by the General Assembly at its 2nd plenary meeting on Friday, 19 September 2008.

The list of speakers will be moved from Monday, 29 September 2008 to Saturday, 27 September; and from Wednesday, 1 October 2008 to Monday, 29 September. For any inquiries please contact Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

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Address by His Excellency Mr. Fakhruddin Ahmed, Honourable Chief Adviser of the Caretaker Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Address by His Excellency The Right Honourable Pushpa Kamal Dahal "Prachanda", Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal

Address by His Excellency Mr. Gordon Brown, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Orette Bruce Golding, Prime Minister of Jamaica

Address by His Excellency Mr. Lyonchoen Jigmi Yoezer Thinley, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bhutan

Address by His Excellency Mr. Sergei Stanishev, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Tuilaepa Lupesoliai Sailele Malielegaoi, Prime Minister of the Independent State of Samoa

Address by His Excellency The Right Honourable Hubert Alexander Ingraham, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas

Address by His Excellency Mr. Ralph E. Gonsalves, Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Address by His Excellency Mr. Mahmoud Abbas, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestinian Liberation Organization and President of the Palestinian Authority

Austria

Nicaragua

3 p.m. . . . . 12th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [8]

Address by His Excellency Mr. Derrick Sikua, Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands

Address by His Excellency Mr. Lawrence Gonzi, Prime Minister of the Republic of Malta

Address by His Excellency Mr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of the Republic of India

Address by His Excellency Mr. Ivo Sanader, Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia

Address by His Excellency Mr. Apisai Ielemia, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Labour of Tuvalu

Address by His Excellency Mr. Abbas El Fassi, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Morocco

Address by His Excellency Mr. David Thompson, Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Economic Affairs and Development, Labour, Civil Service and Energy of Barbados

Address by His Excellency Mr. Geir H. Haarde, Prime Minister of the Republic of Iceland

Address by His Excellency Commodore Josaia V. Bainimarama, Prime Minister and Commander of the Military Forces of the Republic of the Fiji Islands

Address by His Excellency Mr. Roosevelt Skerrit, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Dominica

Address by His Excellency Mr. Frederick Vaka'uta Sevele, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Tonga

Address by His Excellency Mr. Stephenson King, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, External Affairs, Home Affairs and National Security of Saint Lucia

Address by His Excellency Mr. Ahmed Tidiane Souaré, Prime Minister of the Republic of Guinea

Address by His Excellency Mr. Tillman Thomas, Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, Information and Legal Affairs of Grenada

Luxembourg

Germany

Italy

Slovakia

Somalia

Angola

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 10

1. Executive session
2. Human Resources Management

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Friday, 26 September 2008

OIC European Union Ministerial Troika

9–10 a.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 7

OIC Annual Coordination Meeting of Foreign Ministers (at the ministerial level)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

OIC Contact Group on Somalia (at the ministerial level)

1.15–2.15 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC)

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

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Group of 77 (Thirty-second Annual Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on the omnibus law of the sea resolution)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Ministerial meeting of the Community of Democracies on the theme "Global challenges to the democratic governance" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

10.30 a.m.–12.45 p.m. . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Rio Group (Ministerial meeting with the European Union)

10.45–11.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Rio Group (Ministerial meeting with the Russian Federation)

12 noon–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Rio Group (Ministerial meeting with Cuba)

4–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Group of 15 (meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Other activities

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Friday, 26 September 2008

Briefing for parliamentarians attending the general debate of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly on cooperation between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) (sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Italy in cooperation with the Inter-Parliamentary Union)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[Permanent Representatives and Observers are invited to attend. For more information contact the IPU Office (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880; e-mail ny-office@mail.ipu.org).]

Announcements

East Foyer and West Foyer (Indonesian Lounge)

During the general debate (23 September–29 September), the West Foyer (Indonesian Lounge) will be reserved for the exclusive use of Heads of State/Government, Vice-Presidents and Crown Princes/Princesses.

The East Foyer (directly across from the entrance to the General Assembly Hall) will be made available for the exclusive use of the First Spouses.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Friday, 26 September 2008

Room S-226

11.15 a.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Dimitris Christofias, President of the Republic of Cyprus

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

3 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Ali Osman Mohamed Taha, Vice-President of the Republic of the Sudan

Conference Room 4

5 p.m. . . . . Secretary-General to hold a joint press conference with the Middle East Quartet; H.E. Ms. Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State of the United States of America; H.E. Mr. Sergey Lavrov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russia Federation; H.E. Mr. Bernard Kouchner, Minister for Foreign Affairs of France; Mr. Javier Solana, High

Representative for European Common Foreign and Security Policy; Ms. Benita Ferrero-Waldner, European Commissioner for External Relations; and Mr. Tony Blair, Quartet Representative

Security Council stakeout

11.45 a.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Alexander Stubb, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland

Forthcoming official meetings

Saturday, 27 September 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

9 a.m. . . . . 13th plenary meeting. . . . . General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [8]

Republic of Moldova

Viet Nam

Papua New Guinea

Peru

Egypt

Saudi Arabia

Azerbaijan

Belgium

Syrian Arab Republic

Oman

Kazakhstan

United Arab Emirates

Bahrain

Algeria

Gambia

Mali

3 p.m. . . . . 14th plenary meeting. . . . . General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [8]

Russian Federation

Sweden

Tunisia

Hungary

Zambia

Lesotho

Indonesia

Monaco

Greece

Uzbekistan

Eritrea

Trinidad and Tobago

Niger

Uruguay

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Czech Republic

Malaysia

South Africa

Main Committees

First Committee

The First Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, 2 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its tentative programme of work and timetable (see document A/62/399*).

The Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items from Monday, 6, to Tuesday, 14 October 2008. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to kindly contact Ms. Giulia Marrone (room S-2977; tel. 1 (917) 367-9328; e-mail marrone@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, during the general debate, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the First Committee and guidance provided by the Bureau, a time limit should be observed of 10 minutes for delegations speaking in their national capacity, and 15 minutes for those speaking on behalf of several delegations. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit.

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to Mr. Jarmo Sareva, Secretary of the First Committee (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org)).

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (tel. 1 (212) 963-2378).

A technical briefing by the Secretariat for delegates of the First Committee will be held on Wednesday, 1 October 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 1st meeting on Thursday, 2 October 2008, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The agenda for the meeting will be as follows: Allocation of agenda items (A/C.4/63/1); organization of work (A/C.4/63/L.1); list of documents of the Committee (A/C.4/63/INF/1)[1]; and aide-mémoire on requests for hearing (1/08)[2].

The Committee will begin its consideration of the cluster of items on decolonization on Monday, 6 October, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to all decolonization items are kindly requested to notify Mr. Martin Vrastiak (room S-2977JJ; tel. 1 (917) 367-9324; e-mail vrastiak@un.org).

Delegations are also reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (c/o Mr. John Pabon, room S-2977NN; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

[1]To be issued.
[2]To be distributed at the meeting.

Second Committee

Organizational meeting

The Second Committee will hold its first meeting on Monday, 29 September 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its proposed organization of work, as contained in document A/C.2/63/L.1.

General debate

The Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 6 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, and the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Sha Zukang, will address the Committee before the opening of its general debate.

Information on the work of the Second Committee is available at <www.un.org/ga/second/>.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate and for all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Third Committee

General debate

The Third Committee will begin its work on Monday, 6 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

Information on the work of the Third Committee is available at the following Web site <www.un.org/ga/third/>.

List of speakers

The list of speakers on all agenda items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are kindly requested to send a fax to the secretariat of the Third Committee with their specific requests (fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Mr. Moncef Khane, Secretary of the Third Committee (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Friday, 3 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider its proposed programme of work. The status of preparedness of documentation for the Fifth Committee during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly will be issued as document A/C.5/63/L.1.

The Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, will make a statement at the Committee's organizational meeting.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Mr. Movses Abelian (room S-2633A; fax 1 (212) 963-0360).

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly, including the tentative and provisional programme of work, is available at <www.un.org/ga/fifth>.

Informal briefings

Informal briefings (closed) will be held as follows:

Friday, 3 October 2008, immediately following the organizational meeting of the Fifth Committee, in Conference Room 3:

Reform and management of the United Nations (by Ms. Angela Kane, Under-Secretary-General for Management)

Monday, 6 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3:

Human Resources Management (by Ms. Catherine Pollard, Assistant Secretary-General, Human Resources Management); and

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3:

Enterprise resource planning (ERP)/Information and communication technology (ICT) (by Mr. Choi Soon-hong, Chief Information Technology Officer, Assistant Secretary-General); and

Capital master plan (by Mr. Michael Adlerstein, Executive Director, Assistant Secretary-General, CMP).

Sixth Committee

The Sixth Committee will hold its first meeting on 6 October 2008 at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The provisional programme of work for the sixty-third session, as well as other relevant information relating to the organization of work and the status of documentation, is available on the website of the Sixth Committee and is regularly updated (<www.un.org/ga/sixth/63/63_session.shtml>). The note by the Secretariat on the Organization of Work (A/C.6/63/L.1) and the allocation of agenda items to the Sixth Committee (A/C.6/63/1) have been issued.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (tel. 1(212) 963-5378; fax 1 (212) 963-1963). Please note that in the first week, the Committee will deal with agenda items 129 (Administration of justice at the United Nations); 99 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism); and 73 (Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission).

Composition of delegations

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).

General Assembly

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Informal consultations on the provisional agenda item 73 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 73 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) of the provisional agenda of the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly will be held on Monday, 29 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and from Wednesday, 1, to Friday, 3 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Information sessions for new delegates, organized by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS), will be held on Monday, 29 September 2008, from 1 to 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room B, on the outcome of the eighteenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the outcome of recent sessions of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf; and on

Wednesday, 1 October 2008, from 1 to 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8, on the outcome of the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction and relevant recent developments within the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the outcome of the ninth meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea.

General Assembly

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 239th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Thursday, 2 October 2008, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Delegations of Member States that wish to attend as observers should indicate their desire to do so in advance to the Secretary of the Committee (room S-3420D; fax 1 (212) 963-6430; e-mail sinha1@un.org). The meeting will not be open to members of the press or the public. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee may be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, par. 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Secretary of the Committee (room S-3420D; fax 1 (212) 963-6430; e-mail sinha1@un.org) any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Third session

Guinea-Bissau configuration

The Guinea-Bissau configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will hold its 1st meeting on Wednesday, 1 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Executive Board
Fifth session
Second resumed session

The second resumed fifth session (closed) of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advance of Women (INSTRAW) will be held on Thursday, 2 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Eastern European Group (at the expert level)

Monday, 29 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

Monday, 29 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Ministerial meeting of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

Monday, 29 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

OIC Open-ended Working Group on United Nations Reform (at the ambassadorial level)

Monday, 29 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Ministerial meeting on "Reducing Disaster Risks in a Changing Climate" (hosted by the Secretary-General)

Monday, 29 September 2008, from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

International Criminal Court (informal consultations convened by the Chair of the Oversight Committee on permanent premises)

Thursday, 2 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

International Criminal Court: Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties

Friday, 3 October 2008, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room C.

UNITAR seminar on "Labour migration: protection, gender and development" (organized in collaboration with IOM, UNFPA, ILO and the MacArthur Foundation)

Friday, 3 October 2008, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[Advance registration is required to attend the seminar. For further information please visit <www.unitarny.org/en/migdevseries.html>; or contact Ms. Victoria Rietig, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; e-mail victoriarietig@unitarny.org).]

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High-level plenary meeting devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action (2 and 3 October 2008)

A high-level plenary meeting devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action will be held on 2 and 3 October 2008. It will comprise an opening plenary meeting on Thursday, 2 October 2008 (morning), in the General Assembly Hall, followed immediately by a high-level panel on the theme "*Role of International Support in establishing efficient transit transport systems to expand trade opportunities for landlocked developing countries*", to be held in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The high-level plenary meeting will continue the same day from 3 to 6 p.m.; and the following day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

The outcome document of the high-level midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action will be adopted at the closing plenary meeting to be held on Friday, 3 October 2008, from 5.30 to 6 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

Delegations wishing to participate are kindly requested to inscribe with the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940B; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; fax 1 (212) 963-3783; or e-mail heddachem@un.org). Participation at the meeting is expected at the ministerial or highest possible level. Delegations are encouraged to limit their interventions during the plenary meetings to no more than seven minutes.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 25 July 2008, as well as an information note on the high-level plenary meeting and its tentative programme have been sent to all Member States by facsimile and can be accessed at the following Web site <www.un.org/ga/president/62/letters/almaty250708.pdf>.

Forthcoming other activities

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High-Level Investment Forum "Investing in landlocked developing countries: trends, experiences and the way forward" (jointly organized by the UN-OHRLLS, UNCTAD and the World Bank)

Wednesday, 1 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Margherita Musollino-Berg, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (212) 963-4844; e-mail musollino@un.org).]

Round table on "Regional dimension of transit transport cooperation", as part of the High-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action (organized by the UN-OHRLLS)

Friday, 3 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Margherita Musollino-Berg, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (212) 963-4844; e-mail musollino@un.org).]

Training seminar on the universal periodic review mechanism of the Human Rights Council (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; and

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All Permanent Missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ann Syauta, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (tel. 1 (917) 367-3602; e-mail syauta@un.org).]

Announcements

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The second round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in October, according to the following schedule:

Thursday, 2 October 2008, at 10 a.m., in Conference Room 5: *Arabic*
Thursday, 2 October, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 5: *Chinese*
Friday, 3 October, at 10 a.m., in Conference Room 5: *English*
Friday, 3 October, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 5: *French*
Monday, 6 October, at 1.15 p.m., in Conference Room 6: *Russian*
Tuesday, 7 October, at 1.15 p.m., in Conference Room 6: *Spanish.*

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Proposed dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee

The dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly (Administration of justice at the United Nations; Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission; and Measures to eliminate international terrorism), as proposed by the incoming Bureau, are now available on the Web site of the Sixth Committee <www.un.org/law/cod/sixth/>.

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press

officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

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[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 24 September 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

8th plenary meeting

Address by His Excellency Mr. José Manuel Zelaya Rosales, President of the Republic of Honduras

H.E. Mr. José Manuel Zelaya Rosales, President of the Republic of Honduras, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Excellency Mr. Armando Emílio Guebuza, President of the Republic of Mozambique

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Address by His Excellency Mr. Bingu Wa Mutharika, President of the Republic of Malawi

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Address by His Excellency Mr. Dimitris Christofias, President of the Republic of Cyprus

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Address by His Excellency Mr. Álvaro Uribe Vélez, President of the Republic of Colombia

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Address by His Excellency Mr. Valdis Zatlers, President of the Republic of Latvia

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Address by His Excellency The Honourable Marcus Stephen, MP, President of the Republic of Nauru

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Address by His Excellency Mr. Elías Antonio Saca González, President of the Republic of El Salvador

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Address by His Excellency Mr. Runaldo Ronald Venetiaan, President of the Republic of Suriname

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Address by His Excellency Mr Álvaro Colom Caballeros, President of the Republic of Guatemala

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Address by His Excellency Mr. Lech Kaczyński, President of the Republic of Poland

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Address by His Excellency Army General François Bozizé, President of the Central African Republic

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Address by His Excellency Mr. Pedro Verona Rodrigues Pires, President of the Republic of Cape Verde

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Address by His Excellency Mr. Bamir Topi, President of the Republic of Albania

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Address by His Excellency Mr. Óscar Arias Sánchez, President of the Republic of Costa Rica

H.E. Mr. Óscar Arias Sánchez, President of the Republic of Costa Rica, addressed the General Assembly.

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The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Bayar Sanj, Prime Minister of Mongolia.

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Address by His Excellency Mr. Emomali Rahmon, President of the Republic of Tajikistan

H.E. Mr. Emomali Rahmon, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Excellency Mr. Branko Crvenkovski, President of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

H.E. Mr. Branko Crvenkovski, President of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Excellency Mr. James Alix Michel, President of the Republic of Seychelles

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Address by His Excellency Mr. Serzh Sargsyan, President of the Republic of Armenia

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Address by His Excellency Mr. Litokwa Tomeing, President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands

H.E. Mr. Litokwa Tomeing, President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Excellency Mr. Ahmed Abdallah Sambi, President of the Union of the Comoros

H.E. Mr. Ahmed Abdallah Sambi, President of the Union of the Comoros, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Excellency Mr. Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea

H.E. Mr. Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Excellency Mr. Anote Tong, President of the Republic of Kiribati

H.E. Mr. Anote Tong, President of the Republic of Kiribati, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Excellency Mr. Fradique Bandeira Melo de Menezes, President of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe

H.E. Mr. Fradique Bandeira Melo de Menezes, President of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Excellency Mr. Ernest Bai Koroma, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone

H.E. Mr. Ernest Bai Koroma, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Excellency Mr. Jalal Talabani, President of the Republic of Iraq

H.E. Mr. Jalal Talabani, President of the Republic of Iraq, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [8]

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. The Honourable Elias Camsek Chin, Vice-President of the Republic of Palau.

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. The Honourable Winston Baldwin Spencer, Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

10th plenary meeting — The summary of the 10th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2008/189).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Signature: Comoros (25 September 2008)

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Signature: Comoros (25 September 2008)

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families. New York, 18 December 1990

Signature: Jamaica (25 September 2008)

Ratification: Jamaica (25 September 2008)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 10 October 1980

Accession and Consent to be bound by Protocols I and III annexed to the Convention: Jamaica (25 September 2008)[1]

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons). Vienna, 13 October 1995

Consent to be bound: Jamaica (25 September 2008)[1]

Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996) annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 3 May 1996

Consent to be bound: Jamaica (25 September 2008)[1]

Amendment to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 21 December 2001

Accession: Jamaica (25 September 2008)[1]

Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol V). Geneva, 28 November 2003

Consent to be bound: Jamaica (25 September 2008)[1]

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Ratification: Belgium (25 September 2008)[1]

International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006. Geneva, 27 January 2006

Signature: Romania (25 September 2008)

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Ratification: New Zealand (25 September 2008)[1]

Territorial exclusion: New Zealand (25 September 2008)[1]

Signature: Pakistan (25 September 2008)

Ratification: Uganda (25 September 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Signature: Romania (25 September 2008)

Ratification: Uganda (25 September 2008)[1]

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Montego Bay, 10 December 1982

Ratification: Liberia (25 September 2008)[1]

Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982. New York, 28 July 1994

Accession: Guyana (25 September 2008)[1]

Consent to be bound: Liberia (25 September 2008)[1]

Convention on Road signs and signals. Vienna, 8 November 1968

Accession: Guyana (25 September 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Treaty event

Multilateral Treaty Framework: An invitation to universal participation

2008 Treaty Event: Towards universal participation and implementation — Dignity and justice for all of us

United Nations Headquarters (23-25 and 29 September-1 October 2008)

It is recalled that a series of successful treaty events has been held annually at the United Nations Headquarters commencing with the Millennium Summit in September 2000. This year, the annual treaty event *will continue* on Monday, 29 September; and Wednesday, 1 October 2008.

The event, entitled "2008 Treaty Event: Towards universal participation and implementation — Dignity and justice for all of us", provides a distinct opportunity for States to demonstrate their continuing commitment to the central role of the rule of law in international relations. This year's event will highlight treaties associated with the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Year of Planet Earth, the International Year of Sanitation and the International Polar Year, as well as transit and transport treaties of concern to landlocked and transit developing countries.

The list of treaties being highlighted this year has been circulated by depositary notification C.N.158.2008 of 7 March 2008. As is customary, it will be possible to undertake treaty actions with regard to any treaty deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event. Necessary facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations intending to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event may wish to inform their

Governments accordingly for the purpose of completing the requisite domestic procedures.

Under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties, on behalf of States without having to produce to full powers to that effect. All other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Likewise, instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession must be issued and signed by the same authorities.

Further information concerning the 2008 Treaty Event is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site <treaties.un.org> and at the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (contact: Ms. Sherry Holbrook (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047)). Information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the *Treaty Handbook*, which is also available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site.

General Information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *September 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Guinea
H.E. Mr. Alpha Ibrahim Sow

Asian States:
India
H.E. Mr. Nirupam Sen

Eastern European States:
Bosnia and Herzegovina
H.E. Mr. Miloš Prica

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Bolivia
H.E. Mr. Hugo Siles Alvarado

Western European and other States:
Greece
H.E. Mr. John Mourikis

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Thursday, 25 September 2008.

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	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law **Forty-first session**
A/CN.9/SR/881	Meeting held on 26 June 2008, 3 p.m. [A C E F R S]
A/CN.9/SR/882	Meeting held on 3 July 2008, 10 a.m. [A C E F R S]
General Assembly	**Documents**
	Sixty-third session
A/63/324	Item 50 (a) of the provisional agenda — Macroeconomic policy questions — International trade and development — Report by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/338	Item 116 of the provisional agenda — Multilingualism — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.2	Item 71 — Request for an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on whether the unilateral declaration of independence of Kosovo is in accordance with international law — Draft resolution submitted by Serbia [A C E F R S]
	Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)
A/C.4/63/1	Allocation of agenda items to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) — Letter dated 19 September 2008 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]
	Sixth Committee
A/C.6/63/1	Allocation of agenda items to the Sixth Committee — Letter dated 19 September 2008 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Sixth Committee [A C E F R S]
Security Council	**Documents**
S/2008/616	Belgium, Costa Rica, Croatia, France, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and United States of America: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5980	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5981	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/RES/1834 (2008)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 5981st meeting, on 24 September 2008 [A C E F R S]

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006)

S/AC.50/2008/59 Note verbale dated 18 September 2008 from the Permanent Mission of Hungary to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Official Records

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
Forty-first session

CEDAW/C/SR.843 Meeting held on 10 July 2008, 10 a.m. [A C E F R S]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Documents

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

CEDAW/C/CHE/3 Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women — Third periodic report of States parties — Switzerland [A C E F R S]

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